Silverfil: Its physical characterization

Abstract

This article focuses on the physical characterization of Silverfil (R) amalgam. Analysis of the amalgamated material semi-quantitatively showed that Silverfil (R) comprised of approximately two thirds mercury and one third silver. No other elements were detected. Examination of the amalgamated material by x ray mapping and metallographically showed no evidence of free mercury present. Silverfil (R) has strong affinity towards the mercury ion. X-ray Diffraction analysis showed that the amalgamated Silverfil (R) is similar to a mineral in nature called "Moschellandsbergite". The advantages of Silverfil (R) over conventional amalgam were highlighted.

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